

# DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building  
401 Federal Street, Suite 2  
Dover, Delaware 19901

## Meeting Minutes

Department of Education  
Cabinet Room  
Dover, DE 19904  
September 8, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Diane Albanese, Gerald Allen, Amber Augustus, Stephanie DeWitt, Nelia Dolan, Laura Glass, Darren Guido, David Kohan, Rosaria Macera, Byron Murphy, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Pinkston, and Sue Smith.

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Burton and Stephanie Smith

**Others Present:** Chris Kenton, PSB Executive Director; Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, representing the PSB; Rick Lane, PSB Administrative Assistant; Lynn Fulton-Archer, DOE; Wendy Modzelewski, DOE; Deborah Long; DOE Summer Fellow

### I. Opening

A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Murphy called the meeting to Order at 5:03 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

Mr. Lane conducted roll call for the meeting with 12 members present (Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

C. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Kohan and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the September 8, 2016 agenda as amended. *The motion carried* (12 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

D. **Approval of Minutes for August 4, 2016**

A motion was made by Dr. Guido and seconded by Ms. Augustus to approve the August 4, 2016 minutes. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Albanese abstained from voting. *The motion carried* (10 Yes to 0 No's –Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

### II. Public Comment

None

### **III. Executive Director's Report**

Since the last PSB meeting in August, Mr. Kenton has been working on the following items for the PSB:

- Mr. Kenton presented to the State Board of Education Regulation 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (For Publication).
- Mr. Kenton attended the monthly meeting with DOE and the Licensure and Certification Office.
- Mr. Kenton met with Donna Johnson from the State Board of Education to discuss the Model Code of Ethics.
- Mr. Kenton met with Michael Watson - Chief Academic Officer for DOE and Donna Johnson – State Board of Education to discuss Professional Learning.
- Mr. Kenton met with Dr. Laura Glass to discuss comments submitted by the World Language Department at the University of Delaware.
- Mr. Kenton had several discussions with Lisa Hedrick from ETS concerning Praxis.
- Mr. Kenton held numerous meetings with Lynn Fulton-Archer concerning Regulations 1561 and 1565.
- Mr. Kenton met with Kevin DiCostanzo to discuss the Praxis assessments for Administrators.
- Mr. Kenton has had several meetings with the Department to review PSB finances for 2016-2017.
- Mr. Kenton worked with MaryAnn Mieczkowski to discuss program approval for a program in the Cape Henlopen School District.
- Mr. Kenton met with Laura Schneider of the Department to discuss the role of PDAC moving forward.

### **IV. PSB Standing Committees**

#### **A. Licensure Certification Criteria**

- Mr. Kenton provided the Board with an update. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the Townsend Building.

#### **B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation Criteria Committee**

- Mr. Kenton informed the Board that further discussion would take place later in the meeting.

### **V. Presentations**

- Wendy Modzelewski, DOE, and Deborah Long, a DOE Summer Fellow, presented an update on the Department's Mentoring Program and the Proethica Program.

### **VI. Discussion Items**

**None**

## VII. Action Items

### A. *License Suspension Decision – PSB File No. 2015-03*

A motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the content of the license holder's personnel file was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Dr. Guido. ***The motion carried*** (13 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

The Board entered Executive Session and the meeting was closed to the public.

A motion to return to open session was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Dr. Guido. ***The motion carried*** (13 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

A motion to adopt the decision of the hearing officer regarding PSB File No. 2015-03 was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Dolan. ***The motion carried*** (13 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

### B. *1561 –Bilingual Teacher*

Lynn Fulton-Archer presented proposed revisions to Regulation 1561. The proposed revisions were made based on input from the Department of Education. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions.

A motion to publish the regulation with the additional revision to subsection 4.1.1.1 "in which the majority of courses were taught and assessed in the English language" was made by Ms. O'Neill and seconded by Ms. Augustus. ***The motion carried*** (13 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

### C. *1565 – World Language Teacher*

Lynn Fulton-Archer presented proposed revisions to Regulation 1565. The proposed revisions were made to this regulation based on input from the Department of Education. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions.

A motion to publish the regulation as presented was made by Dr. Guido and seconded by Ms. Smith. Dr. Glass abstained from voting. ***The motion carried*** (12 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

### D. *PDAC Committee Charge*

Mr. Kenton informed the Board that Mr. Murphy has requested that the committee meet to discuss the revised charge and evaluate and update if necessary. This updated version

of the committee charge will be presented to the Board to consider and approve at the October meeting. Mr. Kenton reported that he hopes to have the committee co-chairs and a few other members meet within the next several weeks to review the charge.

**VIII. Public Comment**  
**None**

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dolan and seconded by Ms. Smith. *The motion carried* (13 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Dolan, Glass, Guido, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith). The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.